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- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12/23/04 & 1/3/05.  
2a) ☒ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.  
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 18-26 is/are pending in the application.  
4a) Of the above claim(s) 20-26 is/are withdrawn from consideration.  
5) ☒ Claim(s) 18 and 19 is/are allowed.  
6) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are rejected.  
7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.  
8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.  
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11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:  
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

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- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  
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6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

1. The examiner acknowledges the addition of new claims 20-26 by the Amendment filed on 12/23/2004. Claims 18-26 are presented for examination. However, the examiner wants to point out that if applicant presents claims in the reissue to subject matter drawn to an invention patentably distinct from the invention claimed in the patent, 37 CFR 1.176 now permits the examiner to make a requirement for restriction. See also MPEP 1450.

2. Newly submitted claims 20-26 are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons: newly submitted claims 20-26 are directed to "an apparatus and a method of avoiding deadlock in a computer system " whereas original claims in US Patent 5,996,036 are directed to "an apparatus and a method of arbitration".

Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claims 20-26 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03.

3. Applicant should cancel non-elected claims 20-26 in response to this office action. Claims 18-19 are allowable over the prior art of record. The following is an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance:

The instant application is a reissue of US Patent Application 08/779,632 which has become U. S. Patent 5,996,036. The primary reasons for allowance is that the examiner has done complete search and found no prior art of record, alone or in combination, teaches or fairly suggests, "an apparatus and a method for reordering transactions by slave devices without signaling a microprocessor of the computer system that the transactions are being ordered".

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted in response to this office action to avoid processing delays. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance".

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Applicant is urged to consider the reference.
5. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gopal C. Ray whose telephone number is (571) 272-3631. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mark Rinehart, can be reached on (571) 272-3632. The new fax phone number for this Group is ~~(571) 272-3632~~ (571) 273-8300.

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## Abstract:

The novel **annihilation-reordering** look-ahead technique is proposed as an attractive technique for pipelining of Givens rotation (or CORDIC)-based adaptive filters. Unlike the existing relaxed look-ahead, the annihilation-reordering look-ahead does not depend on the statistical properties of the input samples. It is an exact look-ahead based on CORDIC arithmetic, which is known to be numerically stable. The conventional look-



ahead is based on multiply-add arithmetic. The annihilation-reordering look-ahead technique transforms an orthogonal sequential adaptive filtering algorithm into an equivalent orthogonal concurrent one by creating additional concurrency in the algorithm. Parallelism in the transformed algorithm is explored and different implementation styles including pipelining, block processing, and incremental block processing are presented. Their complexities are also studied and compared. The annihilation-reordering look-ahead is employed to develop fine-grain pipelined QR decomposition-based RLS adaptive filters. Both QRD-RLS and inverse QRD-RLS algorithms are considered. The proposed pipelined architectures can be operated at arbitrarily high sample rate without degrading the filter convergence behavior. Stability under finite-precision arithmetic are studied and proved for the proposed architectures. The pipelined CORDIC-based RLS adaptive filters are then employed to develop high-speed linear constraint minimum variance (LCMV) adaptive beamforming algorithms. Both QR decomposition-based minimum variance distortionless response (MVDR) realization and generalized sidelobe canceller (GSC) realization are presented. The complexity of the pipelined architectures are analyzed and compared. The proposed architectures can be operated at arbitrarily high sample rate and consist of only Givens rotations, which can be scheduled onto CORDIC arithmetic-based processors

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**Index Terms:**

adaptive filters adaptive signal processing array signal processing computational complexity convergence of numerical methods digital filters least squares approximations parallel algorithms pipeline arithmetic recursive estimation CORDIC arithmetic CORDIC-based RLS adaptive filters Givens rotation LCMV adaptive beamforming algorithms QRD-RLS algorithm annihilation-reordering look-ahead pipelined filter block processing complexities exact look-ahead filter convergence fine-grain pipelined QR decomposition finite-precision arithmetic generalized sidelobe canceller high sample rate incremental block processing inverse QRD-RLS algorithm linear constraint minimum variance minimum variance distortionless response multiply-add arithmetic numerically stable look-ahead orthogonal concurrent filtering algorithm orthogonal sequential adaptive filtering algorithm pipelined architectures

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